

Syracuse Aug. 2 1843

My dear friend

I presume this may reach you about as soon as a former letter and perhaps at the same time please read the other first. — I wish you could or some two or three of the Mass. Board could have been here for the three last days or could have been at some of the other places where the "upper series" conventions have been held — They have "confusion worse confounded" — The plain fact is that none of those agents who are in the upper series will work with Collins — The rose has come to a head in this place and perhaps it is well it did so so soon though the influence of the agents who are now here will be but trifling at present over the people — They had an anti-slavery <sup>convention</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>to commence</sup> ~~appears~~ on Sunday last in this place Sunday arrived — No one was here but Douglas who consequently was obliged to talk through the day and though people had come from a great distance they could have no meeting in the evening — ~~Monday~~ When is Collins the general agent that he does not keep the wheels in motion! O! the association question is of vastly greater importance "It is merely dabbling with effects" to undertake to abolish slavery by throwing the process the ~~same~~ anti-slavery societies propose and therefore he is in Union at the association meeting. Bradburn is visiting Gerrit Smith and attending his meetings thinking he could without violation of principle accept pay from the Liberty Party as G. I. Smith offered it to me —



Collins comes on Monday with his anti property coadjutors - His mind overflows with this idea - Well he has a right but has the Boston board a right to employ such a man as agent <sup>while standing</sup> in such a position - The Convention continues through Monday and Tuesday till evening but Collins can't talk in these Conventions; his soul is not in them - and perhaps it should not be - Besides he is exhausted in talking on the association matter in and out of meetings Fair raised in the evening - The abolitionists of Syracuse want the Anti Slavery Convention continued through Wednesday to help the Fair along - but no the property Convention must come on the table as a kind of desert - It commences on Wednesday morning. Near the close of the Session Remond and some other abolitionists go into the Convention to see if the abolitionists of the place may not be gratified by having an anti Slavery meetings in the afternoon and evening. Makes the proposition coolly and gentlemanly - Collins takes fire and blows up abolitionists and especially the agents Okey Tugh - In one word all have been a long time dissatisfied and now, wise or unwise, they leave with the exception of Broadbent who is on his way to Rochester (yet as much dissatisfied as any of them) come to the decision not to work with Collins. They will fulfill the appointments already made and then what will be the result I know not. I tell them by all means go on with the Conventions which



they can be detached from Collins — I cannot advise  
them to stay with him — I would not be subject to  
his orders even if he had not a long trail of in-  
sulting meetings to switch over the ~~wide~~ various places  
where they go to whip off the anti-slavery flies  
that may have accumulated through the efforts of  
the anti-slavery Convention previously held. O! yes the  
anti-slavery effort is brought into utter contempt by these  
greater movements — The marvel with me is that  
~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> can give one stray thought to the contemplation  
anti-slavery movement — John has no system —  
He never had much and now his nerves are  
re entirely afloat he is all confusion — It was a  
marvel to me that Douglas knowing him so well  
would consent to be under his keeping — But perhaps  
you may think me prejudiced against Collins — by no  
means. I can say from the depths of my heart that  
I admire Collins as a man — He is generous, noble,  
bold and humane — Yes he is much — a great man —  
but as a general agent I must protest against his  
management — Not that individually we ever had  
any difficulty — No never — we always got along  
well because I would make the best of every thing — But  
affairs were and are <sup>very</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>mismanaged</sup> — It  
<sup>(as adduced by Douglas and Gay)</sup> ~~may be~~ <sup>with C.</sup> they will decide to go on after these appoint-  
ments are fulfilled but they now say they will not. Gay  
has just joined them — Came yesterday — By the  
way they have had a most disgraceful "withing meeting"



Today I learn — The free Slavery are quite transported  
and the abolitionists are most dreadfully mortified —  
Colver says if people were as well acquainted with  
Doug Remond as himself all the days would pass for  
nothing and then comes a report quite as sweet — B,  
the way Remond is sure surely to attend the fair —  
What Confidence will the Community have in people  
who are personally engaged in a common enterprise  
and yet publicly ~~disown~~ <sup>proclaim</sup> each other not to be connected

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Douglas & Remond

knowledge of you that you  
are free and TRUE  
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DOM.

I did not attend the meetings this forenoon on account  
of other duties and this afternoon I have been most happy  
It was so as I don't wish to attend an anti slavery  
agency's blackballing and so I don't go this P.M.  
I throw out these few words hastily as the hour is  
in haste to go — It is surely to keep you apprised  
and of "the progress of the cause" — I can't look it over  
Yours in faith  
M. W. C.

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